Trails of Cheap and Deadly Contracaptivcs in on Women

3262. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Cheap but deadly contracaptivcs is on trial" appearing in the Sunday Times of India, dated March 16, 1997;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have taken any action to halt these trials and conduct follow-up studies on women who have been sterilised by the quinacrine; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) Indian Council of Medical Research had initiated Clinical Trials with Quinacrine Pellets since 1992 and a total of eight cases were enrolled at two Centres but because of unsatisfactory results these Clinical Trials were discontinued in September 1994. Since then no clinical trials with Quinacrine Pellets has been authorised by Drug Controller General of India.

No specific case has come to the notice of the Govt, concerning use of Quinacrine for contraception or trial in regard to it.

Handing over the Building in 'C Block Janakpuri, New Delhi for Poly-Clinic under CGHS

3263. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1113 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th March, 1997 and state:

(a) whether his Ministry has made enquiries with the CPWD with regard to the delay in handing over the building in 'C Block, Janakpuri, New Delhi, where a poly-clinic under CGHS is proposed to be opened;

(b) what was the originally stipulated time for the completion and handing over of the building;

(c) what arc the reasons on the part of CPWD for delaying the handing over of the building to the CGHS; and

(d) what is the present position with regard to the handing over of the building on the likely date of the starting of the clinic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSITCE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (d) Normally, CPWD takes 2-3 years to complete a building. On the completion of the same it applies to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi for issue of a completion certificate. After receipt of the completion certificate, the possession of the building is handed over to the concerned agency.

The CPWD has applied to MCD on 19-3-97 for issue of completion certificate. On receipt of the certificate the possession of the building will be handed over by the CPWD to the CGHS authorities.

Utilisation of World Bank Aid for AIDS

3264. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI JAI.ALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a considerable part of the World Bank aid for the National AIDS programme has been lying unutilised;

(b) if so, the details of the funds sanctioned by the World Bank so far for various AIDS programmes and the amount utilised so tar;

(c) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated to the said programme have been diverted by certain State Government;